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**WINGS  
DELPHINIUM GARDEN**

BOX 3380  
PORTLAND, OREGON



**WE WELCOME** you again. Perhaps not all of you to our garden, but to the vision of color and splendor which our delphiniums express.

We have several objects in issuing this folder. We desire to call your attention to three delphiniums of beauty and form which were not listed in our last folder. See description of named varieties. We wish also to tell you again what a marvelous creation the modern delphinium really is. While we began with Wrexham delphiniums exclusively and still consider this our principal strain, we are constantly on the lookout for new things. For instance, we have at present several hundred plants from a noted French grower from which we expect to develop some splendid varieties.

At the time we first experimented with the Wrexhams we tried out seed of Blackmore & Langdon and retained a number of the finest plants from this seed. Each year we have continued to purchase seed from plants grown from Watkin Samuel himself in Wrexham, Wales. All this is in addition to the selection of the seed sown from our own finest plants. Our aim to become to this country what the great European growers are to Europe is gradually becoming realized. We have steadfastly refused to be anything but delphinium specialists and have never let the commercial spirit overcome our enthusiasm as flower-lovers. A great painter, altho he may be glad to get a good price for his painting, is always principally animated by love for his art.

## *Wings Delphiniums*

The delphinium is a very hardy perennial thriving in any climate. It needs deep, rich soil and plenty of water and sunshine. If given these it will reward you without stint; it will bloom twice and in some localities three times each season. It is indescribably beautiful and majestic whether planted en masse or as borders.

To attempt to describe the colors of our delphiniums is a hopeless task. The colors run the entire gamut of blues from sky and mauve to deepest indigo and purple. The centre is often called a bee and many of them resemble a real bee. They give distinction to these lovely flowers and it is a most interesting thing to take careful note of the various types. All of them look as if they were made of a fine quality of fur. Some are white and flat, some are crawling, some are honey yellow. Others are dark brown, bronze or mouse colored, and sometimes you will find brown or light ones feathered with bronze, gold or light green. It is a pleasure to take a magnifying glass into the garden and study these interesting centres.

A fragrant flower has a grace all its own and is particularly dear to the heart of all flower lovers. We have noticed for a number of years that altho delphiniums have not been considered in that class that a number of ours have a delicate and sweet perfume and now we find that at least fifty per cent of those growing in our garden are truly fragrant.

There is no flower which has more splendid foliage than has the delphinium. It is most perfect and symmetrical in form, and before it even flowers a bed of its foliage is a fine thing to see.

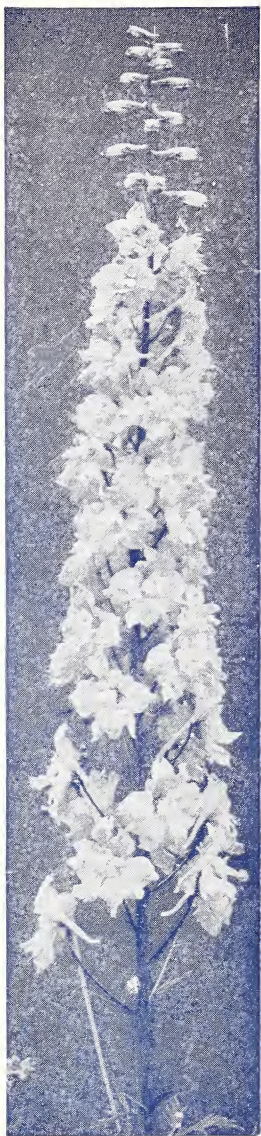
For a number of years several flower lovers of Portland, Oregon, had been importing modern delphinium seed from England and Wales. Two of these amateur enthusiasts, falling in love with the stateliness and wonderful beauty of the Wrexhams



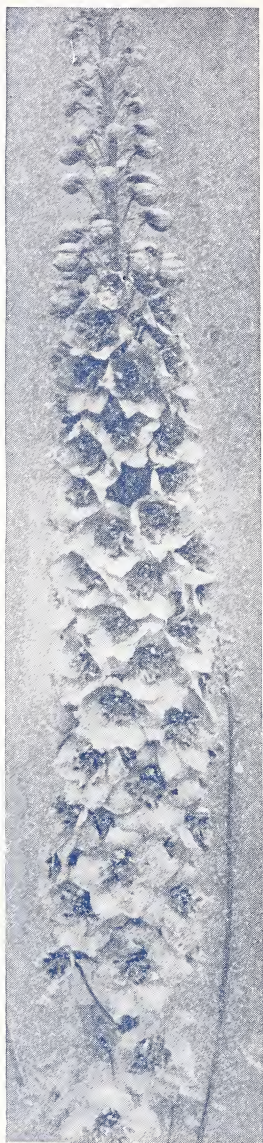
and knowing how few people even knew of their existence, decided to do what they could in bringing these majestic flowers to the attention and appreciation of the general public, hence the Wings Delphinium Garden. By the selection of the finest plants and the destruction of all others, as well as by continued importation of the finest seed obtainable, we have gradually developed a stock of plants and seed which we sincerely believe to be unexcelled here and abroad, both in form and color.

We grow delphiniums exclusively and our garden is small—less than an acre. This makes it possible for us to give close attention to every plant and to prevent pollination from inferior blooms.

Some dealers in gems have large quantities of jewels of all grades of excellence, others have only diamonds of the first water and their entire stock of precious stones can be kept in a very small strong box. The Wings Delphinium Garden has chosen the latter way. Great works of art are not produced by the thousands in factories;



*Springtide*



*Joan of Arc*

neither can the finest flowers be produced by the thousands in large fields like grain.

All flower-minded people feel the charm of a lovely garden, and the garden in which delphiniums are loved and grown in masses is the most beautiful of all. Gardening is just as much an art as painting, sculpture and poetry are, and there are gardeners who take great joy in painting garden pictures of the most entrancing colors and shades. If you have never tried this, do so, and paint one of blue splendor with these lovely things, for they will bring a radiant atmosphere into your garden and people will come from far and near to gaze in happy appreciation. You will be including in your picture many hummingbirds and butterflies, as well as bees, for they love delphiniums and help by pollinating to bring about more wonderful combinations of color than you have yet seen.

The mild climate of Western Oregon is especially favorable for developing perfection in these flowers and their hardy character enables them to do well in more severe climates.



## Culture

We sow seed in well drained boxes in rich, mellow soil which is thoroughly saturated with water before seed is sown. Sow in very shallow drills not too crowded and cover very thinly, from one-sixteenth to one-eighth of an inch. Press down with a board. Seeds germinate slowly, sometimes a whole month before plants appear. Keep shaded and moist during period of germination. Watering must be carefully done so as not to wash the seed out of the ground. More failures are occasioned by sowing too deep or letting get dry during germination than from any other cause. During winter or early spring, sowing can be done in a greenhouse or warm room, but not too warm, not over 55-60 degrees F., or plants will "damp off".

Raising plants from seed presents no special difficulty, and in each package of seed are a hundred potential promises of beauty; but for success, care and patience are necessary. Plant out in the open when size of plants and temperature are suitable.

These perennials will do well in any rich garden soil, well fertilized, cultivated and watered. When plants develop into clumps, these should be two feet apart. We use raw bone meal as a fertilizer.

The arch enemy of the delphinium is the slug and young seedlings must be vigilantly watched. Scatter coarse sand around your plants in winter and coarse coal ashes on crowns of older clumps. Slugs cannot thrive in either.

## — Special —

About a year ago or a little over we began sending baby seedlings by mail to those who do not wish to expend the time and care involved in raising plants from seed. These seedlings are from our choicest named varieties and if you buy them you will have plants unexcelled both as to form and color. Seedlings planted in the fall will be good sized plants next season and bloom twice. Planted in the spring they will bloom once the same season. While it is not easy to send large clumps long distances, these seedlings can be mailed all over the United States with little danger of injury and almost any time during the year when the temperature is not too extreme. When we began offering these seedlings, we set the price at \$5.00 for two dozen. We did not know whether we could continue to sell them at this price, but they have proven so popular that we have concluded to continue at this price for at least another year. No order accepted for less than two dozen.

### Seed

We offer the following: Mixed seed, over 100 seeds in a package, for \$1.00; named varieties, \$1.50. Mixed named varieties, \$2.00.

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The following descriptions are of some of our named varieties:

*Springtide*—Large semi-double, lilac effect. Outer petals sky blue, banded lilac. Inner petals lilac. Irregular white bee.

*Joan of Arc*—Very large semi-double. Outer petals lyons blue, tipped hyacinth violet. Inner



VANITY FAIR (EXACT SIZE)

petals hyacinth violet. Large dark furry bee. Striking flower.

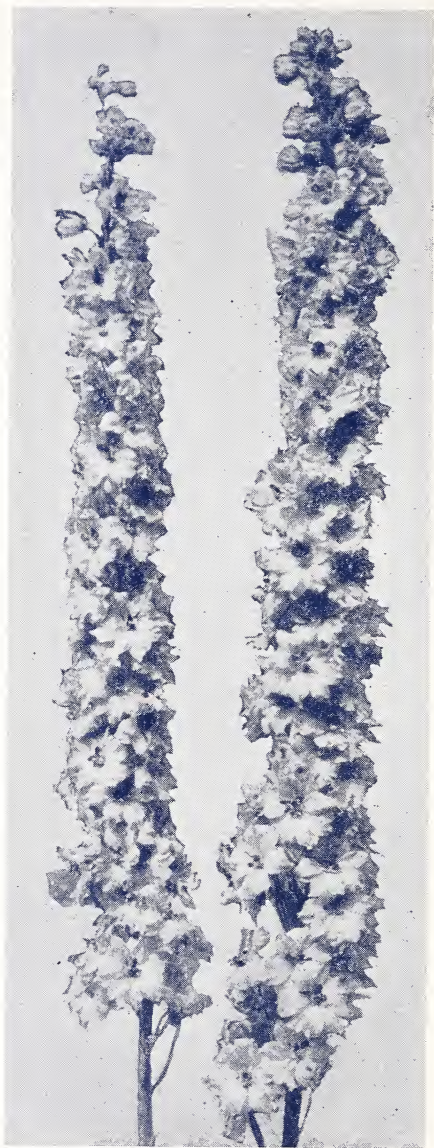
*Vision*—Large single forget-me-not blue. Three petals are marked with pale hortense violet. Small guard petals are hortense violet curving over bee.

*Sally Ann*—Large single mazarine blue. Petals heavily tinted with mallow pink. Small dark bee.

*Robin Hood*—Large semi-double. Outer petals are phenyl blue and inner petals are manganese violet. White spreading bee.

*Good Morning*—Wonderful single, frosted pale forget-me-not blue, tinged with Persian lilac. Small white eye. Large flowers.

*Millicent*—Semi-double forget-me-not blue, iridescent, faintly tinged with mallow pink.



*Paul Revere*

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## Henry Ford Gets Portland Seeds For Home Garden

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Seed from Portland gardens soon will be delphiniums on the grounds of the Henry Ford estate in Detroit.

Not too busy with his multifarious affairs to give attention to such things as flowers, Ford has ordered eight different varieties of delphinium seed from the Wings gardens, No. 1245 Thurman street. Mrs. Ford received one of the Portland company's booklets and Ford wrote the letter in which the order was included.

Five years ago, the Wings gardens were only a hobby. Since then, with the fame of the delphiniums spreading to all parts of the country, the gardens have become a business and a very live one, operated by Mrs. Gertrude C. Anderson.

Parent seed for the gardens was procured from Wrexham, Wales. From this was evolved the various types included in the shipment to the automobile "king".

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The fact that **Henry Ford** has selected **Wings Delphiniums** for display in his extensive gardens is one of many proofs of the excellence of our flowers.

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*Vanity Fair*—Large semi-double with outer petals shaded forget-me-not blue. Inner petals pale ampero purple. Brown bee, feathered gold. Single flower on cover.

*Paul Revere* — Semi-double hortense violet. Bronze bee. Large, flat flower.

*Feathers*—Perfect single hortense violet shaded smalt blue. Gold bee with three tiny white feathers. Lovely spikes of flowers.

*Zephyr Blue*—Single ultramarine blue. Mouse colored bee.

Cuttings of the above-named varieties which have strong roots may be purchased in limited quantities at \$2.50 per plant. We have other rooted cuttings of named varieties not listed in this folder which may be had on request at the same price. This year we offer one-year-old seedlings at \$1.50 apiece or \$15.00 per dozen. Postage or express extra on all plants.

*All orders must be accompanied by cash, check or money order.*

*We do not break seed packets. Any seed sold by us will germinate if properly treated and we can not be responsible for non-germination due to careless handling. We make no exceptions to these rules. We are not wholesalers; our efforts are directed towards quality rather than quantity; however, on 10 packets of seed or 10 dozen baby seedlings we will give 20 per cent off. On larger orders we might make special arrangement for discount.*



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